



Welcome to a packed and exciting Evidence News 07/14 from Creation Research. There is no doubt our report on a school event which happened only yesterday, is a very important read. If you ever needed motivation to support Creation Research and our work in schools and provision of materials and help for teachers, this is it. It's an issue you don't want to miss, complete with EDitorial COMments from John Mackay and the Creation Research Team around the globe.

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1. SCHOOLS HEAD DOWN UNDER: In Australia, we still have the freedom to teach Religious Education (RE) even in State Schools, but one trend is becoming obvious. One disgruntled youth had submitted a parents' letter claiming he was exempt from RE, but the class teacher discovered it was a forgery, and made the student attend. When his RE teacher asked why he was so upset he replied he didn't want to be there because "I don't believe in a Jesus who didn't exist and a God who hadn't ever made anything". Later in the lesson the pupil became more aggressive and

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stated; “We know we came from fish that grew legs and turned into people”, then he pushed his desk over and stomped out.

Can you spot it? Kids aren't sophisticated enough to hide the truth that most theological colleges and many pastors run from. This issue of where we came from does matter! The Gospel of Jesus Christ is based on the truth that God created and this Creator is Jesus who did everything, including die for our sins. Note well: the devil is busy ensuring that students do know the link between ruling out the Creator of Genesis, and dismissing the Saviour of John's Gospel. The same devil is working very hard to ensure that Christians can't see this connection, so they really do have a missing link in their world view, which renders their Gospel incomplete at the best and truthless at the worst. Now's the time to get behind Creation Research and enable us to help all people not only see this, but to see their need for Christ as Creator, Lord & Saviour, the way the truth and the life. [DONATIONS](#).

2. NEW QUESTION: POLITICS? Evolution is pure science, so how can it have anything to do with politics and morality? Why don't you stop using red herrings to impose your religion onto the science classroom. [ANSWER](#) by American author of Christian novels Steve Stranghoener. His books are available in paperback and on Kindle at www.amazon.com.

3. POLITICS AND CREATION REPORT AUSTRALIA AND USA: “USA TAXPAYERS FUND CREATIONISM IN SCHOOLS. In 14 (US) states, nearly \$1 billion of taxpayer money will go to support tuition vouchers for private schools, including those that teach creationism”, reports American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in their Policy Alert 27 March 2014. DOWNUNDER in Australia, at the same time this newsletter is being sent out, Ron Williams, a militant atheist, is mounting a High Court challenge to Federal government funding for school chaplains. Ron has previously attacked Creation Research [CLICK](#) so let's take the opportunity to challenge him.

ED. COM. We would ask AAAS and Ron Williams, just as we challenged Richard Dawkins to his face on TV when he made the same complaint; “What is wrong with taxpayers' money going to schools for chaplains?” Governments have no money except that which we give them in tax, so we own them and not vice versa. Plus given the number of people in the USA and Australia who believe in creation, creationists probably pay more tax than avowed atheists and so are entitled to have every cent directed to an education they wish for their children. However, if AAAS and people like Ron Williams have their way, atheists alone would be allowed to impose their world view on everyone in every classroom. Reverse religious discrimination for sure. AAAS and the anti-chaplain campaigners obviously regard evolution and creation to be issues that impact on politics and economics, and not just on science, so why can't creationists do likewise? (Ref. politics, education, world view)

4. WE ARE WEAKLINGS claims the *Daily Mail* 28 April 2014 in an article about declining human fitness, also reported in *ScienceDaily* 8 April 2014 and *Outside* magazine 26 April 2014. Because bones adapt to stresses and strains placed on them by laying down extra fibres and minerals and reorganising their internal structure, scientists can get an indication of how active a person was, even after they are long dead, by measuring the thickness and internal architecture of the limb bones. Alison Macintosh of Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge University has studied leg bones from various archaeological sites in Central Europe dated from 5300 BC to 850 AD, and compared them with modern human leg bones. She concluded that Neolithic farmers who lived 7,000 years ago were as fit as modern day long distance athletes, but as farming became more advanced, and work became more specialised, there was a general decline in fitness. Macintosh explained: “These developments are likely to have brought about changes in divisions of labour by sex and socioeconomic organisation as men and women began to specialise in certain tasks and activities – such as metalworking, pottery, crop production, tending and rearing livestock”. This study follows on from other studies that also indicate early mankind living as hunter/gatherers or early farmers, were larger and fitter than modern man. According to Colin Shaw of Cambridge University's Phenotypic Adaptability, Variation and Evolution Research Group, “Even our most highly trained athletes pale in comparison to these ancestors of ours”. He went on to say: “We're certainly weaker than we used to be”. Furthermore, the *Daily Mail* laments: “And if that's not depressing enough, our brains are also smaller”, referring to Cro Magnon man – a group of cavemen who had larger brains than today's average, as well as a large, athletic physique. This general decline in human bodies and brains is blamed on “agriculture, with restricted diets and urbanisation compromising health and leading to the spread of disease”.

Links: [Daily Mail](#), [Outside](#), [ScienceDaily](#)

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ED. COM. There is no denying that to be a successful hunter/gatherer you had to be fit, or you didn't survive, irrespective of what time in human history you lived. Farming with only simple technology is also physically demanding, therefore it is no surprise that human bones found in sites classified as belonging to hunter/gatherers or "early" farmers showed signs of high fitness. Modern human athletes show that it is possible, with a great deal of effort, to attain the fitness of so called hunter/gatherer peoples. Sadly neither the athletes nor us slouches can do anything about some of the other losses, e.g. the very provable decline in brain size.

But the missing link in this new thesis is their complete ignorance of the fact that man did not start as semi fit ape-men who hunted and gathered as they evolved new and higher levels of fitness and brain power. Rather, man began as the superbly fit created Adam, whose first task was gardening and then farming, and whose descendants later became hunter gatherers and now the fitness of their descendants today has largely degenerated to how much exercise one can get while lifting Big Macs.

There is no doubt modern urbanisation is compromising health and fitness, accompanied globally (regardless of lifestyle), by an irreversible increase in mutations and an increasing number of human diseases. Modern humans like to think they are the pinnacle of an upwardly evolving species, but the reality is we are 'provably' declining in many ways. This new research is further confirmation of the depressing fact that we are fallen creatures in need of saving in body, mind and spirit. It is one reason why Jesus, who is the Creator, come to earth as Saviour, did not end his gospel with just a vague offer of 'spiritual' salvation, but accompanied it by the promise of a new earth, a renewed mind, spirit and a new physical body that would suffer neither sickness nor death. This is only available from Christ on His terms though. Ask for details. (Ref. bones, adaptation, degeneration, lifestyle)

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5. EXCITING PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORTS: in **ONLINE CREATION NEWS.** [CLICK](#) and see what happens to your gifts and some of the results of our research and join us to give praise to our Creator Christ.

6. JURASSIC ARK TRIPS COMING UP IN OZ: HOMESCHOOLERS Friday 23rd May details [CLICK](#). **PUBLIC** Saturday 24th May – details [CLICK](#). **OPEN DAY** – June 21st 11am – 3pm to raise funds for this project. Come and enjoy a BBQ. Entry by Donation.

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7. BACK TO GENESIS – BACK TO JESUS CONFERENCE DOWNUNDER:

4 Great Creation Research speakers

4 Exciting Topics presented from a solidly Biblical point of view.

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Saturday May 31st 2pm-8pm [MORE DETAILS](#).

8. FUNNY SIDE of making something out of nothing? [CLICK](#).

9. NEW PODCAST WITH JOHN MACKAY [CLICK](#).

10. DOMESTICATION PROBLEM UNSOLVED, according to an article in ScienceDaily 21 April 2014. There are many theories about how people began cultivating plants and keeping animals for food, fibre or transport, but the domestication of plants and animals remains a mystery. One unanswered question is why have so few of all the available plants and animals become domesticated historically? The ScienceDaily article also updates the question by asking: "why haven't more species of either plants or animals been domesticated in modern times?" One suggestion is that some animals and plants more or less domesticated themselves, rather than humans deliberately capturing wild animals and plants and modifying them by artificial selection. Examples of this process could be cats and dogs. Fiona Marshall, an archaeologist at Washington University, St. Louis explained: "We used to think cats and dogs were real outliers in the animal domestication process because they were attracted to human settlements for food and in some sense domesticated themselves. But new research is showing that other domesticated animals may be more like cats

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and dogs than we thought. Once animals such as donkeys or cattle were caught, the changes humans sought to make were pretty minimal. Really it just came down to culling a few of the males and breeding all of the females". A similar idea has been proposed for plants. It is known as the "dump heap hypothesis".

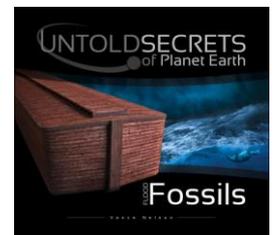
Kenneth Olsen, a biologist, also at Washington University, St. Louis explained: "The idea is that when people threw out the refuse of plant foods, including seeds, some grew and again set seed, and in this way people inadvertently selected species they were eating that also did well in the disturbed and nutrient-rich environment of the dump heap". These theories are not proven, but domestication is seen as a major advance in human evolution. The ScienceDaily article concludes: "As a result, people abandoned the hunter-gatherer lifestyle they had successfully followed for 95 percent of human history and turned instead to the new strategies of farming and herding".

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Domestication will always remain a mystery to evolutionists, because their unobserved hypothesis about stone age hunter/gatherers taking wild animals/plants and domesticating them suffers from an Eyewitness who denies it ever happened. The Bible tells us there were always animals that were meant to live in close association with man, and plants that were meant to be cultivated. Genesis 1-3, describes some of the animals God created as "livestock", ("cattle" in older translations) and "beasts of the field". Man's first home was not a jungle or wild savannah, but rather a garden, i.e. a place of cultivated plants which God had prepared for man.

When our first parents were expelled from the Garden of Eden they were commanded to make their living by farming, i.e. growing crops for food, and keeping animals for clothing and sacrifice. If anything, the real history of man's association with plants and animals is the opposite of man's ever evolving domestication of other creatures. God originally gave man dominion over the living world, and in the original very good world, all plants and animals would have lived in harmony with man, even if they did not live close to human beings. After man sinned, an event theologians have wisely called the Fall of Man, the world became corrupt, and both human and animal behaviour degenerated, and no doubt some animals became intractable. Later God gave man permission to eat meat, after Noah's flood, and the land animals plus the fish and birds, were made to fear and avoid people. A real hindrance to us domesticating anything from then on. So the real answer to the question 'why hasn't mankind domesticated more creatures in modern times?' is probably that we didn't do it 'naturally' in the first place, without God kick starting the process by making some creatures just for that purpose. (Ref. agriculture, farming, gardening, cultivation)

11. GREAT NEW FOSSIL BOOK from Vance Nelson available Australia and Canada. Fabulous pics and information on the Ark, the flood and catastrophic fossil formation. Australia [CLICK](#), Canada [CLICK](#).



12. UK MEGA CREATION CONFERENCE: don't miss John MacKay, Ken Ham, Ray Comfort, Paul Garner, Steve Lloyd, Steve Horn, Brian Edwards, Andy McIntosh, and Stuart Burgess. [CLICK](#).

13. AUSSIE ABORIGINAL STAR STORY reported in ABC News in Science 21 April 2014. Duane Hamacher of University of New South Wales, Australia and his colleague Trevor Leaman have examined records left by Daisy Bates (1859-1951), an anthropologist who lived at Ooldea, South Australia, between 1919 and 1935, where she recorded the traditional stories of the Aboriginal people of the Great Victoria Desert. Amongst her records is the story of Nyeeruna the hunter, represented by a star constellation known to western stargazers as Orion. According to the aboriginal story Nyeeruna pursues a group of young sisters called Yugarilya, represented by the star cluster known in western astronomy as Pleiades, which also means seven sisters or young women in other cultures. Of particular interest is the story about the star Betelgeuse, the distinctive red star in Orion, known in the Aboriginal story as the club of Nyeeruna, which is filled with 'fire magic'. In the Aboriginal story the young sisters are protected by Kambugudha, represented by the Hyades star cluster. As the club in Nyeeruna's right hand, i.e. star Betelgeuse, fills with fire magic ready to throw at Kambugudha, Kambugudha lifts her foot, represented by the star Aldebaran, against him. This star is also full of fire magic and humiliates Nyeeruna by putting out his fire. According to Hamacher, "This is very interesting because this ancient story accurately describes the variability of Betelgeuse, which brightens and fades over a period of about 400 days". Hamacher also explained, "Other parts of the story talk about sparks issuing from Nyeeruna's body, perhaps when he's filled with lust for the seven sisters. The sparks coming from Nyeeruna, match the radiant of the annual Orionids meteor shower produced by Earth's passage through the debris trail of the

comet Halley, which typically peaks over the last two weeks of October”. Similar stories about these constellations and stars are found all over the world and in different cultures, including Greek mythology, parts of Asia, South America and Africa. Hamacher commented: “There’s always a debate about why these stories are so similar from different places around the world. It could be contamination from one culture to another, but I think it’s simply that as humans we perceive natural phenomena in certain similar ways and those similarities tell us about our psychology.”

Link: [ABC](#)

ED. COM. Tells us about human Psychology does it? But a modern child would repeat his elders’ story of big bang evolution, and the star patterns not actually being together in space, and having no meaning at all - so let’s get a better fit to the evidence. The fact needing to be explained is that stars and constellations have names with the similar meanings and associated stories across many differing cultures speaking many varied languages. Let’s start by looking at some of the things the Creator God has revealed about stars from Genesis to Revelation:

God created stars for signs and times and seasons (Gen 1:14-19).

God named the stars (Isaiah 40:26, Psalm 147:4).

Man’s first task in the Garden was a naming one (Genesis 2) and we still delight in naming things, stars included. It reflects the fact we are made in God’s image and He names things. Any knowledge revealed by God about the stars to Adam and Eve would have been passed on to their descendants. After the Flood Noah’s three sons and their families passed a common star knowledge and names down to their children, yet their offspring increasingly rebelled against the God of Creation. Since stars and constellations were originally made by God to indicate “signs, times and seasons” for the service of mankind (i.e. they do have meaning and purpose), it should not surprise us, that as post flood but pre-Babel man increasingly turned from worshipping the Creator to worshipping the creation, Noah’s descendants increasingly perverted the meaning of the stars and developed many myths and legends ascribing power to the stars and constellations, instead of to the Creator. All of which brought God’s anger and judgment, at the Tower of Babel, (Gen 11) where mankind was split into new God given language groups. The newly formed post Babel separate language groups would have different ‘words’ for the names of the stars and constellations, yet the basic meaning would have remained the same. Hence no matter where on earth they migrated to, the North American Indian, the Australian Aboriginals and the ancient Greeks (and many others) all had the same sister story about the same 7 stars. Today we should recognize the stars are still part of God’s provision for us, and not the result of any naturalistic evolving big bang which has at its centre worship of the sun, but we must make sure to worship the One who made the stars, and not the stars themselves, plus we should continue to make use of the stars and constellation for signs and times and seasons. (Ref. astronomy, astrology, zodiac)

14. POSITIVE SKIN COLOUR MUTATION found, according to a report in ScienceDaily 14 Jan 2014 and *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, DOI: 10.1093/molbev/mst158. A group of scientists in Spain have studied the distribution of a mutation in a gene for skin colour, commonly found in people living in Mediterranean regions such as Spain, Portugal, Italy and Israel. The gene is named melanocortin-1 receptor (*MC1R*) and codes for a protein that regulates the production of melanin, the dark pigment in skin, which is increased when skin tans. The mutation is named V60L and results in light coloured skin and hair, but still allows skin to tan when exposed to strong UV light. According to ScienceDaily, “This mutation is positive for the climate of the Mediterranean region, as it facilitates the absorption of vitamin D in the winter months, in which the ultraviolet radiation is lower. In the summer months, in which the radiation is greater, the ease to darken the skin pigmentation provides a certain protection”. The researchers found it was present in 10-20% of the population in Spain, with the highest rates in regions with lower UV radiation. However, the mutation is associated with an increased tendency to develop melanoma, a deadly skin cancer. So why hasn’t it been selected out? The researchers suggest that decreased pigment has been favoured because it enabled vitamin D absorption in the pre-reproductive phase of life at the cost of increased melanoma risk in the post reproductive life. According to Conrado Martínez Cadenas, of Department of Medicine in the Universitat Jaume I, one of the research team, “Melanoma has been an invisible illness to natural selection; it is the price that has to be paid for the improved survival of the species in areas of the world with low solar radiation”. The researchers wrote in their report: “We, thus, provide evidence for an adaptive value of human skin depigmentation in Europe and illustrate how an adaptive process can simultaneously help to maintain a disease-risk allele”.

Link: [ScienceDaily](#)

ED. COM. Anyone who has suffered a melanoma, or lost a family member or friend to this disease, would not consider this mutation to have any positive or adaptive value. However, the researchers do have a point about dark pigment interfering with the absorption of UV light in the making of Vitamin D. This is why black Africans who move to

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places like Canada, where there are long dark winters, need to have extra Vitamin D in their diets. However, the survival of this mutation, along with many other mutations with similar effects, reminds us that most variations in human skin colour, especially the extreme ends of the spectrum, are the result of mutations that interfere with the melanin producing system. The wide variations we see in skin colour would not have been part of God's original creation. The original creation was very good. Therefore, the first people would have had skin that was light enough to make vitamin D, but dark enough to protect their skin cells from cancer-causing mutations. Furthermore, the fact that people don't get enough sunshine today is due to severe degeneration of the environment that has occurred, particularly after Noah's Flood. In the original good world Adam and Eve could have lived outside, all year round, gotten plenty of vitamin D, and no skin cancer despite being totally naked. Since the coming of extreme seasons after Noah's flood, many people have needed to live indoors (or in caves) for long periods of time because the weather is too cold to be outside. Industrialisation has made this worse, with those people living in gloomy industrial cities having the worst rates of vitamin D deficiency, in spite of having very pale skin. Altogether, the great variation in human skin colour, and diseases like skin cancer and vitamin D deficiency, are a constant reminder that the real history of the world, and the human race, is from good to bad to worse. Devolution, not evolution. (Ref. dermatology, nutrition, genetics)

15. FROM THE ARCHIVES: [Aboriginal Origins](#), [White Skin Origin](#), [Built-in Language](#), [Origin of Farming](#), [Increasing Human Disease](#)

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